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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DEGRADING LIGNOCELLULOSIC MATERIAL, the specification of which was filed on February 2, 2005 as Application Serial No. 10/523,054 and described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/GB2003/003384 on August 4, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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